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TEL AVIV FOR AMB LEWIS ONLY FROM PARKER

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJ: REPORTING FROM BEIRUT

1. REGRET THAT AS RESULT STRESS AND CONFUSION OF PAST TEN DAYS AND MY PHYSICAL SEPARATION FROM OFFICE NUMBER OF THINGS HAVE HAPPENED WHICH I WOULD HAVE HOPED TO AVOID, HAD I BEEN ON THE SCENE.

2. ONE WAS OUR INTEMPERATE 3832, WHICH ADMITTEDLY WENT OUT OVER MY SIGNATURE BUT WHICH I WAS TALKED INTO SENDING AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGEMENT AND WITHOUT REREADING CAREFULLY. I AUTHORIZED ITS RELEASE AS PART OF MY GENERAL POLICY OF GIVING OFFICERS ON MY STAFF AS MUCH SCOPE AS POSSIBLE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEW-POINTS. I ADDED THE OPENING SENTENCE TO SHOW THAT IN THIS CASE I WAS NOT FULLY IN AGREEMENT WITH IT OR THE WAY IT WAS WRITTEN, ALTHOUGH I BELIEVED THE BASIC ARGUMENT WAS ONE THAT YOU AND THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE OF. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT I HAVE NEVER DOUBTED YOUR COMPLETE DEDICATION TO THE GOAL WE ARE ALL PURSUING OF TRYING TO FIND
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A WAY TOWARDS A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND I HAVE ON MANY OCCASIONS ADMIRERD THE FORCEFULNESS AND TENACITY WITH WHICH YOU AND DICK VEITS HAVE GONE AFTER THE ISRAELIS ON MATTERS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO US HERE; FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE RECENT QUESTION OF ISRAELI SUPPORT FOR CHRISTIAN MILITIAS IN EAST BEIRUT. IT IS INEVITABLE THAT WE WILL DISAGREE ON SOME ISSUES, BUT I ASSURE YOU THAT

I WILL DO MY BEST TO PREVENT THIS FROM AFFECTING OUR
PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP.
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